

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED POSS DUPE

PAGE 01 GENEVA 06126 041903Z

63

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-10 ISO-00 L-03 FRB-01 OMB-01 TAR-01

SP-02 AGR-10 AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 INR-07 LAB-04

NSAE-00 OIC-02 SIL-01 STR-04 TRSE-00 CIEP-02 CEA-01

AF-06 ARA-10 EA-10 NEA-10 GSA-02 INT-05 PA-02 PRS-01

USIA-15 /135 W

----- 071968

R 041515Z JUL 75

FM USMISSION GENEVA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5074

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

USMISSION OECD PARIS

UNCLAS GENEVA 6126

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: UNCTAD WMIN ETRD

SUBJECT: CONSLUSION OF COMMITTEE ON TUNGSTEN-NINTH SESSION

REF: GENEVA 6070

1. JULY 30 MORNING SESSION DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION AGENDA
ITEMS 3 AND 4. US STATEMENT EXPRESSED VIEW THAT REGULAR
EXCHANGE OF MAXIMUM POSSIBLE INFORMATION WAS IMPORTANT KEY TO
ACHIEVING GREATER STABILITY IN TUNGSTEN PRICES AND EXPRESSED
SATISFACTION WITH QUESTIONNAIRE PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT FOR
DISTRIBUTION TO GOVERNMENTS, REQUESTING INFORMATION ON
TUNGSTEN PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION, STOCKS, ETC. US DEL ALSO
EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL THAT IT WOULD BE
USEFUL TO HAVE MEETING OF COMMITTEE'S STATISTICAL WORKING PARTY
IMMEDIATELY PRECEEDINGS NEXT COMMITTEE SESSION IN LATE 1976.

STATISTICAL GROUP WOULD HELP COORDINATE AND ANALYZE
QUESTIONNAIRES RETURNED BY GOVERNMENTS FOR REPORT TO THE
COMMITTEE. MANY CONSUMING AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES,

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 GENEVA 06126 041903Z

EXCEPT PRC, SPOKE FAVORABLY TOWARD MAXIMUM EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE MEETING OF STATISTICAL GROUP.

US ALSO SUGGESTED IN NEW INITIATIVE UNDER ITEM 3 THAT
SECRETARIAT EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING THE
FREQUENCY OF COUNTRY REPORTING AND SECRETARIAT PUBLICA-
TION OF TUNGSTEN PRODUCTION-CONSUMPTION DATA TO SUPPLEMENT
QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF STATISTICAL BULLETIN.

2. ON ITEM 4 SEVERAL COUNTRIES SPOKE ABOUT LACK OF
ADEQUATE PRICE DATA AND OFFERED TECHNICAL SUGGESTIONS ON
HOW SOME IMPROVEMENTS MIGHT BE MADE BUT MOST SPEAKERS
CLEARLY AT A LOSS FOR REALLY NEW IDEAS. IT WAS
GENERALLY AGREED THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD STUDY MATTER
FURTHER AND SUBMIT VIEWS FOR NEXT SESSION.

3. AFTERNOON OF 30 AND ALL DAY 31ST WERE TAKEN UP BY
MEETING OF CONTACT GROUP APPOINTED BY CHAIRMAN. GROUP
CONSISTED OF 5 PRODUCERS: AUSTRALIA, BOLIVIA, CANADA,
PERU, THAILAND, AND 5 CONSUMERS: FRANCE, JAPAN, SWEDEN,
U.K. AND USA. USDEL ACTED AS CHAIRMAN OF CONSUMER CAUCUS
AND SPOKESMAN IN CONSUMER CONTACT GROUP.

4. IN CONTACT GROUP, BOLIVIAN DELEGATE CONTINUED IM-
PASSIONED STATEMENTS CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE ACCEPTANCE OF
CONCEPT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL PRODUCER/CONSUMER COMMODITY
AGREEMENT FOR TUNGSTEN UTILIZING A SYSTEM OF MINIMUM
AND MAXIMUM PRICES. USDEL REPLY TERMED THIS IDEA PRE-
MATURE AND UNACCEPTABLE. FOLLOWING LENGTHY DISCUSSION,
CONSUMER ARGUMENT PREVAILED THAT TOO MANY TECHNICAL AND
ECONOMIC QUESTIONS REMAINED UNRESOLVED TO PERMIT ACCEPT-
ANCE OF FEASIBILITY OF PRODUCER/CONSUMER ARRANGEMENT
AT THIS TIME.

5. DISCUSSION WAS BEGUN ON HOW WORK OF COMMITTEE WAS TO
PROCEED IF NO AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLE OF FEASIBILITY WERE
POSSIBLE. PRODUCER SIDE OF PROPOSED FORMULATION OF AN AD HOC
GROUP LIMITED TO FEW MAJOR COUNTRIES TO DRAFT TERMS OF A
COMMODITY AGREEMENT. U.S. LED CONSUMERS IN REJECTION
OF THIS AND PUT FORWARD IDEA OF ASKING TUNGSTEN
COMMITTEE'S WG TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER STUDY OF COMPLICATED
QUESTIONS INVOLVED. SECRETARIAT INTERVENTION ADVISED
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 GENEVA 06126 041903Z

DELEGATIONS THAT UNDER GA RESOLUTIONS NO NEW
SUBSIDIARY BODIES WERE PERMITTED TO BE FORMED IN 1975
AND THAT CALANDER YEAR WAS VERY FULL THROUGH 1976. THIS
CONFIRMED WISDOM OF RECOMMENDING REACTIVATION OF WG OF
TUNGSTEN COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE WORK ENVISAGED. THIS
WAS PUT IN FORM OF REQUEST TO UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
BOARD RECOMMENDING THAT WG BE REACTIVATED AND ARRANGEMENTS
BE MADE FOR WG MEETING EARLY 1976 (POSSIBLY JAN-FEB)
FOLLOWED BY MEETING OF COMMITTEE LATER IN 1976 (OCT-NOV.).
PRODUCERS FOUGHT HARD AGAINST MOVE (QUOTE STUDY) UNQUOTE

AS AGAINST ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF AN AGREEMENT BUT FIRM
US POSITION PREVAILED AND SOLUTION FOUND WAS TO AVOID
USE OF OFFENDING WORD IN TERMS OF REFERENCE OF
WORKING GROUP.

6. CONTACT GROUP DEVISED FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE
FOR THE WORKING GROUP, WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY APPENDED
AS AN ANNEX TO THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE:

BEGIN QUOTE

"THE WORKING GROUP, BEARING IN MIND THE SPECIAL
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TUNGSTEN MARKET; TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
THE SECRETARIAT'S STUDY ENTITLED "FEASIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVE
MEASURES TO STABILISE TUNGSTEN PRICES" (DOCUMENT TD/B/C.1/
TUNGSTEN/14) AND THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF BOLIVIA IN ITS NOTED ENTITLED, "INTERNATIONAL MEASURES
TO SET THE BASIS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TUNGSTEN AGREEMENT"
(TD/B/C.1/TUNGSTEN/L.5); AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS
EXPRESSED BY GOVERNMENTS AT THE NINTH SESSION OF THE
COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF
BRINGING ABOUT GREATER STABILITY IN THE WORLD TUNGSTEN
MARKET, SHOULD:-

"(A) IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE THE PRACTICAL, ECONOMIC
AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF PROPOSALS WHICH COULD BE
INCORPORATED IN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL PRODUCER/CONSUMER
ARRANGEMENT WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF
PROPOSALS BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM
PRICES FOR THE COMMODITY; AND PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD
PROVIDE A SYSTEM OF EXCHANGE OF NECESSARY AND TIMELY DATA
FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING UNDERSTANDING OF THE MARKET
AND GREATER STABILITY OF PRICES. IN CONSIDERING A SYSTEM
OF MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PRICES, THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 GENEVA 06126 041903Z

GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS,
AS APPROPRIATE, ON:

(I) DEFINITION OF THE BASE PRODUCT(S);
(II) APPROPRIATE PRICE INDICATOR;
(III) APPROPRIATE MECHANISMS TO DEFEND MINIMUM
AND MAXIMUM PRICES;
(IV) ANY OTHER FACTORS RELEVANT TO THE SUCCESSFUL
OPERATION OF A SYSTEM OF MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM
PRICES;
(B) DRAW UPON AS WIDE A RANGE OF ADVICE AS NECESSARY,
IN PARTICULAR FROM ALL SECTORS OF THE TUNGSTEN INDUSTRY;
(C) CARRY OUT ITS WORK AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE
AND REPORT TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
TUNGSTEN." END QUOTE

7. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONCLUSION OF COMMITTEE WAS TO
PROPOSE THAT STATISTICAL WORKING GROUP BE CONVENED
CONCURRENTLY WITH THE EARLY STAGES OF THE SESSION CONTAINED

COMMITTEE ON TUNGSTEN TO CONSIDER THE INFORMATION CONTAINED
IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE RETURNED BY GOVERNMENTS TO THE
SECRETARIAT. CONCURRENT TIMING WAS NECESSITATED BY
EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 1976.

8. FROM CONSUMER POINT OF VIEW, NINTH SESSION WAS
SUCCESSFUL IN ONCE AGAIN POINTING OUT NEED FOR STUDY OF
TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF TUNGSTEN MARKET PRIOR TO DECISION
ON FEASIBILITY OF ANY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMODITY
ARRANGEMENTS. PRODUCERS RETREATED AT LAST MINUTE AND
WITH GREATEST RELUCTANCE FROM INSISTANCE THAT COMMITTEE
GIVE IMMEDIATE ENDORSEMENT TO PRINCIPLE OF COMMODITY
ARRANGEMENT AND FROM POINT OF VIEW OF ANY PRODUCING
DELEGATIONS WITH FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EFFECT
COMMITTEE SESSION MUST BE SEEN AS LESS THAN A SUCCESS. AS
BROAD TECHNICAL STUDIES BEGIN TO APPROACH POINT OF
DIMINISHING RETURNS, HOWEVER, DAY OD DECISION FOR
CONSUMING COUNTRIES ON WHETHER TO BE DRAWN INTO PRODUCER
EFFORT TO DRAFT POSSIBLE PROVISIONS FOR SOME KIND OF
COMMODITY ARRANGMENT WILL GROW EVER CLOSER. DALE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TUNGSTEN, MINING INDUSTRY, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 JUL 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975GENEVA06126
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750268-1147
From: GENEVA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750783/aaaacwic.tel
Line Count: 189
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 GENEVA 6070
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: hartledg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 MAR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <05 MAR 2003 by ThomasVJ>; APPROVED <22 MAR 2004 by hartledg>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CONSLUSION OF COMMITTEE ON TUNGSTEN-NINTH SESSION
TAGS: EMIN, ETRD, UNCTAD
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006